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## FACTS & FIGURES

**[AzJobConnection.gov](#) — One year after launch**  
**17,600+ job postings      20,800+ resumes**

*AzJobConnection (AJC), a statewide job board and case management tool launched in Feb. 2012, is used by all Arizona's local workforce agencies and the Department of Economic Security. AJC helps job seekers select a new career, find career opportunities, locate education/training resources and connect with employers via local recruiting events. The site also assist employers in analyzing the labor market, determine competitive salaries, place job orders and connect with suitable candidates.*

## NEWS & MEDIA

**Greater Phoenix Manufacturing Alliance** is a partnership of local workforce, education and economic development entities focused on gaining the insight and information needed to collaboratively develop lasting solutions supporting the sector; thereby meeting unified goals of developing stability and growth in Greater Phoenix. Currently MWC/PWC, Goodwill of Central Arizona, Maricopa Community College District, Greater Phoenix Economic Council and the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce are all active Alliance members.

## **Manufacturing Hiring Will Surge Again in February; Service Sector Also Strong**

By Theresa Minton-Eversole, Society for Human Resource Management (1/31/13)  
 Excerpt:

"February manufacturing-sector hiring activity will reach a four-year high, according to the Society for Human Resource Management's (SHRM) Leading Indicators of National Employment (LINE) survey for February 2013.

"Surveyed manufacturers reported their hiring rates will increase a net of 47.2 percent, while service-sector companies reported a net increase in hiring activity of 33.1 percent for February 2013.

"“This is the second month in a row that we have seen hiring expectations at a four-year high in manufacturing,” said Jennifer Schramm, GPHR, manager of SHRM's workplace trends and forecasting. “The private service sector also looks good, with more HR professionals in this sector saying they are adding jobs than did so at this time last year. And this is the sixth out of the seven previous months that this has occurred.”

"The LINE Employment Report examines four key areas: employers' hiring expectations, job vacancies, difficulty in recruiting top-level talent, and new-hire compensation. It is based on a monthly survey of private-sector human resource professionals at more than 500 manufacturing and 500 service-sector companies. Together these two sectors employ more than 90 percent of the nation's private-sector workers." *Please click the link above to read more from this article.*

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*Collaboratively providing workforce  
 solutions to businesses and  
 individuals throughout  
 Maricopa County.*

## PARTNER ITEMS

**Maximus helps government serve the people** — MAXIMUS Workforce Specialists offer weekly job leads, interviewing tips, networking skills, and information on upcoming job fairs and recruitment events. Occasionally employers come as guest speakers to talk about their hiring needs and also offer best interviewing tips/advice. MAXIMUS Jobs Program recently added "**Taking the Stage**" to the agenda where participating job seekers share their success stories about upcoming job interviews or employment they have obtained! Monthly workshop calendars and resources are also shared. **MAXIMUS Job Clubs are open to the public and held valley wide every Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at each of the following locations:**

- **East Valley:** 735 N. Gilbert Rd., Gilbert
- **Mesa:** 120 W. 1st Ave., Mesa
- **Central:** 1140 E. Washington, Phoenix
- **West Valley:** 4522 W. Indian School Rd., Phoenix, and 1840 N. 9th Ave., Phoenix

MAXIMUS Human Services, Inc. administers the Jobs Program for the Department of Economic Security in Maricopa County. The MAXIMUS Jobs Program provides services to individuals residing in Maricopa County that are receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) via the Department of Economic Security.

**Partnership with Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department** — A partnership was developed between Phoenix Workforce Connection and the City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services in 2011. The partnership facilitated the sharing of information on foreclosures occurring in West Phoenix and provided an opportunity for PWC to meet with those facing foreclosure to explain the services it provides. PWC staffed over a dozen events in the past year. Rose Mary Nield, project leader, had several representatives including staff from the Governor's office, local real estate and PWC on-site to provide information on how the groups not only assist community members with foreclosure help but with other community services such as employment services, social service needs and immediate utility assistance. PWC provided information on help with obtaining and retaining employment opportunities for those who had lost jobs or who had family members in need of work. *The next event will be on February 28, 2013 in the north Phoenix area. For additional information contact Rose Mary Nield at 602-534-2538 or by email at [rose.mary.nield@phoenix.gov](mailto:rose.mary.nield@phoenix.gov).*

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**New Year New Career Job Fairs** — MWC hosted two job fairs in Feb. 2013. The events provided opportunities for 49 employers to meet with more than 580 job seekers. *Employers stated that overall they were very pleased with the quality of the candidates at the events.*

**Local Workforce Investment Areas engaged in hosting and promoting job fairs and recruiting/hiring events** — Please check the link frequently for updates -- [Recruiting Events & Career Opportunities](#)

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*MWC and PWC focus on increasing the wealth of individuals, businesses, and the community by identifying labor market needs to develop effective, innovative responses to meet the ever changing industry demands.*

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We'd enjoy showing you what we do!**

Equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. MWC/PWC products and services are made available through federal funding provided by the Workforce Investment Act; serving employers by aiding job seekers, adults, dislocated workers and youth.



### Gilbert Career Center

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Gilbert, AZ 85234  
Tel: 602-372-9700  
TTY: 602-372-9792

### West Valley Career Center

1840 N. 95th Ave., Ste. 160  
Phoenix, AZ 85037  
Tel: 602-372-4200  
TTY: 602-372-4261

[www.maricopaworkforceconnection.com](http://www.maricopaworkforceconnection.com)



### North Career Center

9801 N. 7th St.  
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Tel: 602/861-0208

### West Career Center

3406 N. 51st Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85031  
Tel: 623-247-3304  
TTY: 602-534-5500

### South Career Center

4732 S. Central Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85040  
Tel: 623-534-4732

[www.phoenix.gov/PHXWIN/](http://www.phoenix.gov/PHXWIN/)